Claims 1-34 are pending. Claims 5, 13, 14, 20, 25, 33 and 34 are allowed. By this

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response, claims 1, 2, 6, 15, 16, 21 and 22 are amended. Reconsideration and allowance based

upon the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claim Objection

The Office Action objects to claim 6 due to a minor informality. In response, claim 6 has

been amended to corrected formal informality. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objections is

respectfully requested.

Prior Art Rejections

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 7-19, 15-17, 21-23 and 27-29 under 35 U.S.C. §

103(a) in view of Mok (U.S. 6,008,986) and Twyford (U.S. 6,386,413); claims 4, 6, 18, 24 and

26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mok, Twyford and Batio (U.S.

5,949,643); claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mok, Twyford, Batio

and Suga (U.S. 4,800,376); and claims 10-12 and 30-32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being

unpatentable over Mok, Twyford and Ames (U.S. 4,787,040). These rejections are respectfully

traversed.

It is alleged in the Office Action that Mok and Twyford's teachings, when combined, read

on the claimed features of independent claims 1, 15 and 21. Applicants respectfully submit that

independent claims 1, 15 and 21, as amended, recite features distinctive from the combination of

Mok and Twyford.

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Claims 1, 15 and 21 each have been amended to refer to the display means being

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mounted within an instrument panel of a vehicle and an operating means being within a position

substantially flush to the instrument panel when in the first position, this being the position

where the operating means faces the display and is not being used. Neither Mok or Twyford

teach these features.

Mok teaches a laptop in which the keyboard is moveable in an alternative position.

However, the laptop display is not mounted in a fixed position within the instrument panel of the

vehicle. Further, the keyboard, operating portion of the laptop, is not substantially flush with an

instrument panel. Essentially, the laptop does what laptops do best, that being they are portable

and not fixed and especially not fixedly mounted in a instrument panel of a vehicle.

Twyford teaches an apparatus for mounting a computer inside a vehicle. The contraption

itself includes mounting brackets attached to the vehicle 4 in which bar members are fixed to the

mounting brackets. A display is attached to a crank arm and a keyboard is attached to an arm

each of which are attached to the bar member affixed to the mounting bracket. Thus, the display

is not mounted within an instrument panel of a vehicle and the operating means is not

substantially flush with the instrument panel.

Therefore, in view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims

1, 15 and 21 are far distinguishable over the cited references. Further, dependent claims are also

distinguishable in view of the cited references for the above reasons as well as for the additional

features they recite. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are

respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-34 are

distinguishable over the cited references. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are

earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present

application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad J. Billings, Reg. No. 48,917

at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to

expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to

charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional

fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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